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To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position

On October 23, 2003, the Senate voted 63 to 31 to waive budget caps and include \$1.5 billion for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) election reform grants before passing its version of the FFY 2004 Transportation-Treasury appropriations bill (H.R. 2989). The President's proposed FFY 2004 Budget and the House version would appropriate only \$500 million for HAVA election reform grants which assist state and local governments in replacing outdated voting equipment and implementing election reforms. In FFY 2003, nearly \$1.5 billion was appropriated for HAVA election reform grants.

Based on the Board policy supporting increased funding to help state and local governments upgrade their voting equipment by fully funding HAVA that was included in the Federal Agenda adopted by your Board on February 3, 2003, **the County's Washington Advocates will support the \$1.5 billion for HAVA election reform grants included in the Senate version.**

The FFY 2004 Transportation-Treasury appropriations bill is one of the ten FFY 2004 appropriations bills which have not yet been enacted. Last week, Congress adopted another FFY 2004 Continuing Resolution (H.J. Res. 75) to provide funding through November 7, 2003 for Federal programs that otherwise would be funded under these bills. It is expected that Congress will adopt another continuing resolution this week. Also, many of the remaining ten FFY 2004 appropriations bills, including

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Transportation-Treasury and the Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bill, which funds the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, may be folded into an omnibus appropriations bill.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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